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Honorable Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Please cancel claims 1-24 and insert the following new claims:

25. A method of issuing an electronic negotiable document (END) comprising: creating as data an END and storing this in a tamper-resistant document carrier, the document carrier containing a unique public-secret key pair for signing and verifying, the secret key being generated within the document carrier, and a unique document carrier identifier; signing the unique document-carrier identifier, the END and an END identifier